GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:352
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2007
BED AND BREAKFAST SCHEME
Jagannath Dr. M.

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has recently launched Bed and Breakfast Scheme permitting private house owners to rent out a portion of their accommodation to the tourists;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of cities in which the said scheme has been launched; and

(d) the number of applications received from the house owners under the scheme and the number out of them permitted as on 31st December, 2006?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a), (b), (c) and (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PART (a), (b), (c) and (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 352 TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.04.2007 REGARDING BED AND BREAKFAST SCHEME

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The main requisite of the scheme is that only those home owners, who are able to offer a minimum of one room or a maximum of five rooms of prescribed specification and who are physically residing in the house are eligible to apply for this scheme. The idea is to provide a clean and affordable place for foreign and domestic tourists and an opportunity to stay with an Indian family to experience local customs and traditions and relish authentic local cuisine.

(c): This scheme has been launched all over the country and a pilot project has been taken up in Delhi.

(d): 102 applications have been received under the scheme and 5 approvals have been granted as on 31st December, 2006.